

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 9th day of
November, 2016.

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas Company's)	<u>File No. GR-2017-0134</u>
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Tariff Filing)	Tariff No. YG-2017-0065

ORDER REGARDING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 9, 2016

Effective Date: November 16, 2016

On November 1, 2016, The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG") filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 16, 2016. The tariff sheet reflects changes in EDG's Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas.

For EDG's South System, this filing will increase the Total PGA for Residential (RS), Small Commercial Firm (SCF), Small Volume Firm (SVF), and Large Volume Firm (LVF) customers to \$0.51912 per one-hundred cubic feet ("Ccf"), from the current Total PGA of \$0.47612 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.04300 per Ccf. The Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) Total PGA increases to \$0.49824 from the current LVI Total PGA of \$0.49624 per Ccf. This represents an increase of \$0.00200.

For EDG's North System, this filing will decrease the Total PGA for RS, SCF, SVF, and LVF customers to \$0.48714 per Ccf, from the current Total PGA of \$0.49903 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.01189 per Ccf. For the LVI this filing will decrease the Total PGA to \$0.42705 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.45814 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.03109 per Ccf.

For EDG's Northwest System, this filing will decrease the Total PGA for RS, SCF, SVF, and LVF customers to \$0.34537 per Ccf, from the current Total PGA of \$0.37828 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.03291 per Ccf. For the LVI this filing will decrease the Total PGA to \$0.37904 per Ccf from the current Total PGA of \$0.38738 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.00834 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on November 7, 2016. Staff recommends that the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, and pending final decisions in File Nos. GR-2016-0099 and GR-2017-0134, which are actions that address EDG's PGA factors in actual cost adjustment ("ACA") filings.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to EDG's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because EDG's PGA Clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on 10 days' notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice. The Commission concludes that the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on November 16, 2016, on an interim basis, subject to refund.

EDG's filing also reflects adjustments to the company's ACA factors. Due to the limited time available to review the documentation supporting the ACA factors represented in this filing, the Commission's Staff has requested permission to submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing on or before December 18, 2017. This Commission finds the request reasonable and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets filed on November 1, 2016 by The Empire District Gas Company, assigned tracking no. YG-2017-0065 and bearing an effective date of November 16, 2016, are approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final decisions in File Nos. GR-2016-0099 and GR-2017-0134. The tariff sheets approved are:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

12th Revised Sheet No. 62, canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 62

12th Revised Sheet No. 63, canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 63

12th Revised Sheet No. 65, canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 65

2. The Commission's Staff shall file its results and recommendations regarding the information included in this ACA filing no later than December 18, 2017.

3. This order shall become effective on November 16, 2016.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.

Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge